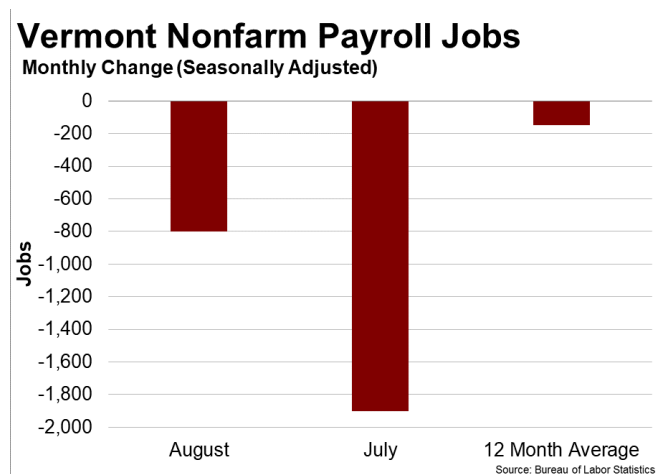
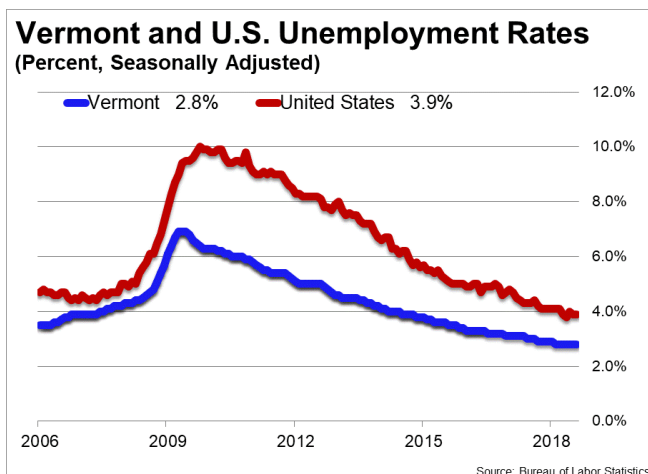




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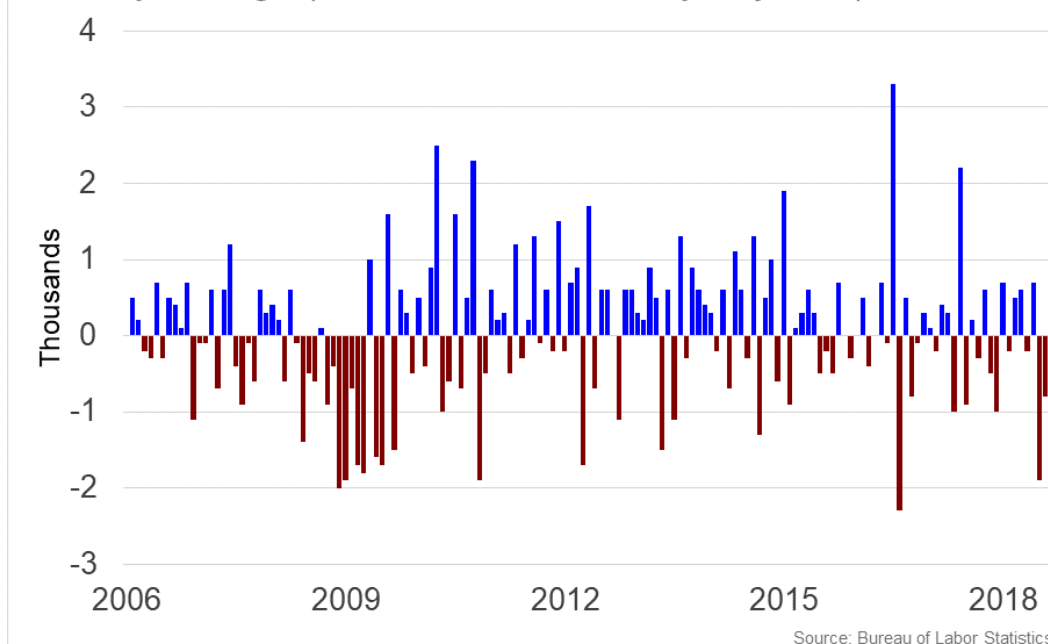
Summary

- **Vermont lost 800 jobs and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.8 percent in August** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Vermont lost 1,800 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point from 3 percent.
- **In August, Vermont's private sector lost 300 jobs** and over the past twelve months it declined by 1,200 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Vermonters rose by 44 in August**, and over the past year 3,674 Vermonters found jobs.
- Vermont's **labor force participation rate decreased to 67.4 percent** from 67.5 percent in August. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.5 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.9 percent in August**. State employment and unemployment data for September is scheduled for release on October 19, 2018. The national employment situation report for September will be released on Friday, October 5, 2018.



Vermont Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



Vermont Payroll Employment

Vermont lost 800 jobs, or 0.26 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Vermont lost 1,900 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Vermont declined by 1,800, or 0.57 percent. Vermont nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 5 of the past 12 months.

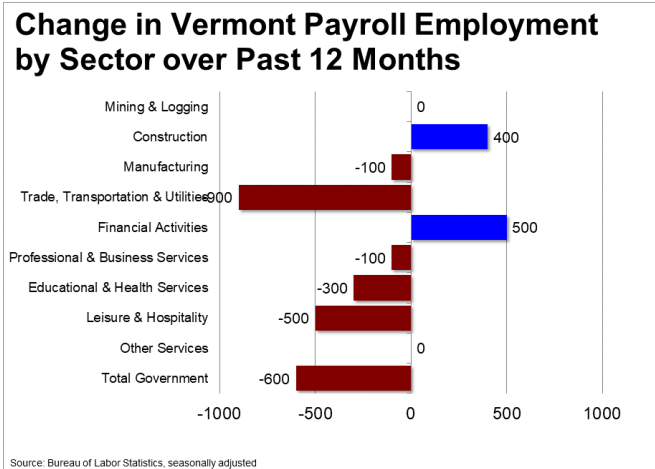
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 201,000 jobs in August, or 0.13 percent. Over the 12-month period ending August 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,330,000 jobs, or 1.59 percent. Vermont ranks 22nd among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During August, Vermont's private-sector lost 300 jobs, or 0.12 percent. The private-sector in Vermont lost 2,000 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Vermont declined by 1,200, or 0.46 percent. Vermont private-sector payroll employment has increased in 6 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 204,000 jobs in August, or 0.16 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,329,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.87 percent. Vermont ranks 25th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

Four or more tied for the best performing sector on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. The poorest performing sectors during the month were Total Government (-500) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-300).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Financial Activities (+500) and Construction (+400). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-900) and Total Government (-600).



Vermont Labor Force Statistics

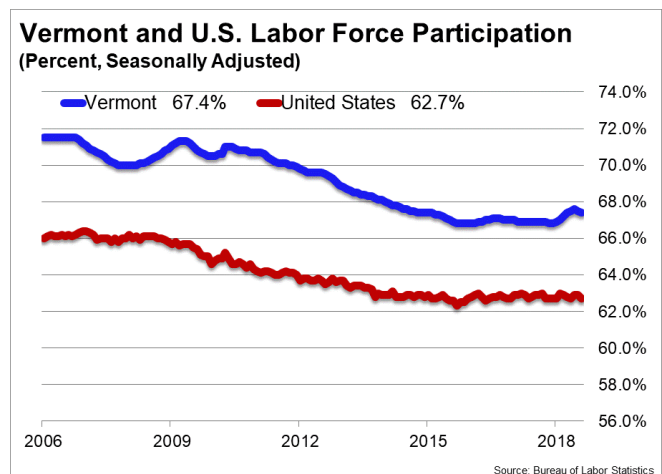
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in Vermont declined to 67.4 percent in August from 67.5 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 12 have a higher labor force participation rate than Vermont. The labor force participation rate in Vermont is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Vermont was 71.3 percent in May 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Vermont occurred in August 1999 when the labor force participation rate hit 72.6 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 66.8 percent in December 2017. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in March 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 62.6 percent. The national labor force participation rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 62.7 percent in August 2018, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Vermont civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, declined to 65.4 percent in August from 65.6 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 10 have higher employment-to-



population ratios than Vermont. The employment-to-population ratio in Vermont is 0.6 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Vermont was 67.1 percent in September 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Vermont occurred in August 1999 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 70.5 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.5 percent in December 2015. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in April 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio was 57.2 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio declined by 0.2 percentage point to 60.3 percent in August. That rate was 0.2 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

